



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 2, 1964, suggesting additional investigation concerning the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

With regard to your suggestion that we determine the precise sources of the description of the suspected assassin broadcast by the Dallas Police Department, it is pointed out by letter dated January 14, 1964, we responded to substantially the same matter. At this time you were informed the Dallas Police Department advised the broadcast was initiated on the basis of a description furnished by an unidentified citizen who had observed an individual approximating Oswald's description running from the Texas School Book Depository Building immediately after the assassination. It is not felt recontact with the Dallas Police Department on the same matter would be justified at this late date.

With regard to your other suggestion, we do not have any specific information as to the time it took local authorities to locate pertinent evidence on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building; however, our investigation suggests local authorities were initially searching the building to locate a suspect in the assassination. Traffic congestion from the Presidential motorcade and the subsequent assassination could have

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contributed to the delay in the arrival of members of the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory. The significance of this time lapse is not readily apparent when considered in the light of the scientific examinations and findings of the evidence found.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being initiated in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover